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TOPIC Military Information from the Kindel Troop Training Grounds

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EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 4 to 13 July 1952

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20 August 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. During the period from 6 to 12 July 1952, the Hainaer Holz (woods) hutment was occupied to capacity and the Kindel hutment was not occupied to capacity. Farmers stated that there was substantially less training activity than in the preceding year. Only training at squad level of 800 or 1,000 troops was seen in the area of the Hainaer Holz hutment and no more than 400 soldiers received training at squad level at the Kindel hutment. No major practices were seen in the Beteroda-Berka-Bolleroda area north of Highway 84. Five officers and 80 soldiers with about 10 trucks arrived at the Eisenach railroad station on 11 July, coming from the troop training grounds. A senior lieutenant stated that he wanted to buy a present for his wife in Weissenfels (M 52/J 99). All officers and EM carried baggage and rifles. Two large amphibious cars each occupied by an officer and 8 soldiers armed with rifles stood on the Bahnhofstrasse on 12 July.

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2. Rail shipments seen at the Eisenach railroad station during the period from 4 to 13 July 1952 included:

At 9:35 a.m. on 4 July. A train of 108 axles including 19 boxcars with personnel and carrying two field kitchens bound for "eubukow"

At 10:30 p.m. on 5 July. A train of 102 axles including 12 boxcars with personnel and carrying 12 guns and 2 field kitchens bound for Neubukow.

At 10:55 p.m. on 8 July. A train of 80 axles including 14 boxcars with personnel and carrying two field kitchens bound for "eubukow"

It was rumored that the troops were to participate in practices and then would return to Eisenach.

12 July 1952. Fifty to 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, 8 to 10 officers and 10 to 15 uniformed women with baggage on a regular train to Erfurt.

At 10:15 a.m. on 13 July. A train of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 15 to 18 trucks, 5 sedans, 6 motorcycles, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 field kitchens and 5 boxcars with personnel departing in the direction of Gotha. **

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25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. This information confirms the bulk of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div
 25X1 * [REDACTED] stationed at the Kindel troop training grounds until 12 July 1952. [REDACTED]
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 25X1 [REDACTED] The eighty soldiers with baggage observed at the Eisenach railroad station
 who had come from the Kindel troop training grounds probably were soldiers due for
 discharge. One motor vehicle [REDACTED] each of the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt and the 38th (?)
 25X1 Army AT Arty Brig, both of the Eighth Gds Army, vaguely indicate that individual units
 25X1 of army troops may also have been transferred to the troop training grounds.
 25X1 ** [REDACTED] Comment. The trains bound for Neubukow probably carried AAA units of the 57th Gds
 25X1 Mtz Rifle Div or of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which went to Wustrow for firing
 practices. The personnel and women with baggage seen on the regular train to Erfurt
 probably were personnel due for discharge. The old motor vehicle [REDACTED] and
 the two AT guns tend to indicate that the train bound for Gotha carried a unit of the
 38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig.

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